Losses due to natural disaster

1548. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there had been huge loss of resources due to natural disasters during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof including that of weather related for the last three years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(c) the details of steps initiated to prevent/reduce such loss in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Due to its geographical location our country is vulnerable to a number of natural hazards like earthquake, floods, drought etc. It is not possible to compute all the losses in terms of money, however an amount of Rs. 4439.01 crore has been released as Central Share from Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) and Rs. 2343.92 crore from National Calamity Contingency fund (NCCF) since 2000-01 till date.

(c) the State Governments are primarily responsible for management of natural disasters and have been advised from time to time to take appropriate measures for mitigation and preparedness.

Maoist extremists

†1549. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Maoist extremists are active in Nepal adjoining areas of Bihar and in other areas;

(b) if so, the number of foreigners among these extremists;

(c) what steps Gvoernment have taken so far to ban these people and outcomes thereof; and

(d) the concrete steps Government propose to take to completely ban Maoist and other extremist organisations?

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